

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-14, 16-17 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,821,013 to Reilly et al. Claims 1-10 and 16-17 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US2002/0077588 to Schneider et al.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indicated allowability of claim 15.

The claims have been amended. Specifically, claims 1, 3, 12, 13, 14 and 15 have been combined. Claims 3 and 12-15 have been deleted. Hence, claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the case claim and the intervening claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks hereinabove, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application, including claims 1-2, 4-11, and 16-20, is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number listed below.

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